1   12.   (Amended) A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:

2   anchoring an electrical cord to a work surface, the electrical cord connecting a

3   peripheral input device to the computer;

4   moving the peripheral input device; and

5   between the peripheral input device and the computer, winding up the electrical

6   cord to retract [retracting] slack in the electrical cord as the peripheral input device is moved.

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1   16.   (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein retracting slack in the electrical

2   cord includes retracting the slack into [at least one of the peripheral input device and] an anchor.

1   17.   (Amended) A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:

2   anchoring an electrical cord to a work surface, the electrical cord connecting a

3   mouse to the computer;

4   positioning the mouse; and

5   between the mouse and the computer, winding up the electrical cord to retract

6   [retracting] slack in the electrical cord as the mouse is positioned.

Cancel claim 10 without prejudice.

Add claims 22-35:

1   --22.   A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:

2   positioning a peripheral input device to generate the data, the peripheral device

3   attached to the computer via an electrical cord; and

4   retracting slack in the electrical cord as the peripheral input device is positioned.--

1   --23.   The method of claim 22, wherein positioning the peripheral input device includes

2   positioning a mouse.--

1   --24.   The method of claim 22, wherein positioning the peripheral input device includes

2   positioning a pointer displayed by the computer.--

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--25. The method of claim 22, wherein moving the peripheral input device includes moving a mouse and a pointer displayed by the computer.--

--26. A method for entering data into a computer, comprising:

positioning a peripheral input device attached to the computer via an electrical cord;

retracting slack in the electrical cord as the peripheral input device is positioned; and

maintaining a fixed length of the electrical cord between the peripheral input device and the computer.--

--27. The method of claim 26, further comprising anchoring the cord.--

--28. The method of claim 27, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes anchoring the electrical cord to a desktop.--

--29. The method of claim 27, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the desktop.--

--30. The method of claim 27, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes anchoring the electrical cord to a computer chassis.--

--31. The method of claim 30, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the computer chassis.--

--32. The method of claim 27, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the mouse pad.--

--33. The method of claim 32, wherein anchoring the electrical cord includes at least one of adhering and fastening an anchor to the mouse pad.--